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Allen Dulles Says Nixon Erred in Cuba Charge

By the Associated Press

Allen W. Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, says Richard M. Nixon was in error when he charged that President Kennedy had been briefed during the 1960 campaign on Cuban invasion preparations.

Mr. Dulles said, however, he believed the charge—contained in Mr. Nixon's new book, "Six Crises"—was the result of "an honest misunderstanding."

Mr. Nixon contended Mr. Kennedy had been told the CIA was helping to train Cuban rebels for an invasion and had jeopardized the plan in campaign oratory.

The White House denied this yesterday, saying Mr. Kennedy knew nothing of the invasion preparations until after he was elected and that Mr. Nixon's "account is apparently based on a misunderstanding."

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said Mr. Dulles had twice briefed Mr. Kennedy during the presidential race but that the briefings consisted mainly of a broad review of the world situation.

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In a memorandum yesterday, Mr. Dulles said:

"There has been here, I believe, an honest misunderstanding. This was probably due to the nature of the message Mr. Nixon writes he received as to these briefings. The Cuban situation was, of course, dealt with in the briefings I gave Senator Kennedy."

"My briefings were intelligence briefings on the world situation. They did not cover our own Government's plans or programs for action, overt or covert."

In Los Angeles, Mr. Nixon's office said it had no comment on the Dulles or White House statements.

Mr. Nixon, who now is a member of a Los Angeles law firm, is seeking the Republican nomination for Governor of California.

In his book, the former Vice President said Mr. Kennedy had forced him into a dilemma on Cuba during the campaign. This was, he said, the only time during the race he got angry at his rival.

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sponsible because it would violate our treaty commitments."

Assails Proposal

And he did just that, according to a transcript of the fourth Kennedy-Nixon television debate. He called Mr. Kennedy's Cuban proposals "probably the most dangerously irresponsible recommendations" of the campaign.

He said if the United States supported a Cuban invasion "we would lose all of our friends in Latin America, we would probably be condemned in the United Nations and we would not accomplish our objective." And he added:

"... It would be an open invitation to Mr. Khrushchev to come in, to come into Latin America and to engage us in what would be a civil war, and possibly even worse than that."

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